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GHI Task Force Educates Public On Reducing Stormwater Runoff

by Tom Taylor



PHOTO BY SHOBHA DUNCAN

GHI Storm Water Task Force members educate the public at the Farmers Market on June 11. From left: Bill Duncan, Beth Olsen, Jan Wolf and Tom Taylor.

The Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) Storm Water Task Force sponsored an information table at the Greenbelt Farmers Market on June 11. Visitors to the market stopped by the table to learn about stormwater runoff issues in GHI and greater Greenbelt and what homeowners can do on their

property to reduce runoff.

The basic problem is that rain results in runoff from rooftops, driveways, lawns, sidewalks, streets and parking areas and, along the way, collects toxic pollutants such as pesticides, motor

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Can City Catch the Wind At Half the Current Price?

by James Giese

At the June 12 Greenbelt City Council worksession, Assistant City Manager David Moran reported that there is an opportunity for the city to buy wind-generated electric power at a savings of up to 41 percent or more through Constellation Energy. Currently, the city is purchasing wind-generated energy through Washington Gas and Electric (WGE) at a rate of 0.07311 per kilowatt hour. The quoted June 12 Constellation rate was 0.04317. At that rate, the city would save \$96,000 a year.

There are, however, some catches to the deal. As with other power purchases these days, the price changes daily and council would have to grant authorization to make the purchase without knowing what the price would be. Council has had to do this before. The plan is to provide the authorization for the purchase at the June 20 meeting. By then the price could be substantially changed from the June 12 price. Moran will monitor the market, and if he sees significant price increases, he will notify councilmembers and a special meeting may be called to lock in a price before it is too late.

The current WGE contract does not expire until July 2018. The new contract would be for 35 subsequent months. Thus, the savings would not be in the new fiscal year, but in the three subsequent years.

Such a contract would lock in a power supplier for the contract term and the city would not be able to pursue its efforts to obtain solar energy power until the completion of the new contract. The energy would be generated by a wind farm that would be financed by the city paying the provider what it now pays for electricity from its current supplier.

Councilmembers were concerned about postponing the solar farm alternative, but noted that it was still a long way from putting together such a deal. Councilmember Leta Mach felt that it would be more than a year before a solar arrangement would even become a feasible alternative and others appeared to agree.

Councilmember Edward Putens expressed hope that the city could still install solar panels on its own roofs of some city buildings. The problem, he noted, is that such installations are most cost effective if placed upon newly installed roofs so that the roof and the solar panels have similar life expectancies. Also, the roof has to be strong enough to support the panels.

Although council direction to staff was somewhat unclear, Moran said authorization for the new contract would be sought at the June 20 meeting, unless price changes necessitate bringing this matter to the council at an earlier, special meeting.

Hour Grows Late as Council Hears Five Planning Projects

by Kathleen Gallagher

120 Forgotten Feet

The Greenbelt Station Parkway bridge spans Branchville Road to provide access to the South Core from Greenbelt Road. The parkway was platted as a public road, and construction permits were issued by the city and the county for the bridge in 2007. About two years ago, city staff realized that a 120-foot length of the roadway connecting Greenbelt Road to the southern end of the bridge had never been adopted by a public entity.

At a worksession in 2015, council agreed to maintain this section as an extension of Greenbelt Station Parkway, which was already a city public road. While that might sound simple enough, it required development of an

MOU among all parties involved, spelling out all maintenance issues. The parties involved include the city, Prince George's County, the developer, the Home Owner Association (HOA) and Berwyn Heights, since it is within that town's jurisdiction but is not a Berwyn Heights road. Greenbelt's responsibilities primarily include the asphalt layer over the cement, street cleaning and snow removal. The actual bridge structure will be the county's responsibility.

Although there was some discussion of why Greenbelt should accept responsibility for this piece of roadway, only Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed the

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Police, FOP Work to Resolve Issues in No Confidence Vote

by Diane Oberg

So, what has happened since the Greenbelt Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) issued a vote of no confidence in Acting Chief Thomas Kemp? What were the motivations behind the vote? Why had there not been advance notice to the full police force? When will the city have a new police chief? Have there been any changes since the vote?

To get answers to these questions, the News Review interviewed FOP President Mike Apgar, Acting Chief Kemp, accompanied by Acting Captain Gordon Pracht and Public Information Liaison George Mathews, and City Manager Nicole Ard.

Although the initial press release announcing the vote stated that the FOP would be releasing further information about issues behind it, Apgar said that they decided instead to try to work with Kemp to resolve them. These issues predate Kemp's tenure as acting chief, Apgar said, and have been building for three to four years. He reiterated previous statements that the vote had nothing to do with Kemp "as a person." On the contrary, Apgar said that Kemp seems very dedicated to working with the FOP, which the lodge is very happy to see.

One of the main issues is the lack of opportunities for advancement. Apgar told the News Review that promotions had been frozen for more than a year, and transfers to specialty units have not happened for more than a year due to staffing shortages. As a result, several experienced officers have left to join

the Prince George's and Howard County police departments. To prevent this, he said, the city needs to find ways to retain its officers and move them out of the patrol division more quickly.

Kemp confirmed the delays in promotions. Although there has been no formal freezing of promotions, the department has prioritized maintaining patrol squad staffing. He said that if they promoted two officers to corporals, those corporals would still be working patrol beats normally assigned to lower ranking officers instead of serving as assistant supervisors on patrol squads, the normal responsibility of a corporal.

Currently, besides the chief position, the department is short one lieutenant and three cor-

porals, Kemp said. One of the units to which corporals would normally be assigned has no one in the unit and one is at half strength. In addition, three entry level officer positions are vacant. The department is currently eight officers (all ranks) down from its authorized strength, with five officers in training. Pracht said that if these five officers successfully complete their training, the department should be in a position where it can soon begin promoting and filling specialty unit positions.

Kemp said that getting to where they can do this is a priority of his, and again noted the changes the department has made to speed up the hiring process,

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What Goes On

Monday, June 19

10 a.m. to noon, Weed Warriors Event, Buddy Attick Park
7:30 p.m., Recreation and Park Master Plan Community Meeting, Greenbriar Terrace Room

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tuesday, June 20

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Public Works Facility
7:30 p.m., Recreation and Park Master Plan Community Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Wednesday, June 21

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

7:30 p.m., Recreation and Park Master Plan Community Meeting, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Friday, June 23

7:30 p.m., City Council Executive Meeting, Municipal Building

Letters to the Editor

Outstanding Citizen Nominations Sought

With Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, Greenbelters are asked to be on heightened alert for this year’s Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you!

Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and high visibility within organizations. Or they may touch others in a quiet way, characterized by a strong sense of compassion and desire to serve.

While a committee will select 2017’s Outstanding Citizen, that selection is made from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify our city’s outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form (on page 12). Describe in your own words your nominee’s contributions or acts of kindness.

Nominations are due by July 31. The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History shows that many of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The committee urges nominators to be persistent. We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt’s special events.

Bob Zugby, Chair
Outstanding Citizen
Selection Committee

No Action Needed

City Council does not need to take any action, join any coalition of cities, pass any resolution, or send any letter opposing President Trump’s decision to opt out of the Paris Climate Accord. The

news article in last week’s GNR “Greenbelt Climate Change Commitment Continues” highlights the many actions the city is taking to improve the environmental sustainability of our city. Indeed, many cities and counties in our nation are doing more and more along these lines and these efforts have improved our environment markedly since the 1960s.

Robert Snyder

Pay Lifeguards More

I love our swimming pool. A huge shout out to Stephen, Cheryl, Mitch, the front desk folks and the lifeguards! Oh, those lifeguards. I was excited to see at least one large training class this year. No more personnel shortage.

But alas, there is still advertising. Why? The people who took the class paid for it and didn’t stay to work at our facility. They went elsewhere. Appears a major reason are the low wages.

Paying the lifeguards poorly suggests the city does not value those who swim here, nor the lifeguards who are there to save our lives.

The pay is a little above minimum wage, even with a recent increase that may be in anticipation of the minimum wage going up. This presents an opportunity to do better this Fall. Give them the living wage of \$15.

The guards may mostly be students, but they still need/deserve decent pay.

If you have spoken to any of them you would know many have to take off time from school to make enough to return for another semester. Shame on us. We are not talking about much here. It’s the right move to make.

I have not done an analysis of the competing wages, as I did a few years ago that showed we were the lowest. I’m willing to do that again, but there is evidence by our shortage problem.

Swimming is good for lifetime exercise. For those who can’t exercise in another form, the pool is a vital resource. Plenty of the pool users are disabled or our elders.

Value us and the lifeguards and pay a decent wage.

Elizabeth Gaines

Corrections

The last word of the first paragraph of Colin Byrd’s letter to the editor in last week’s issue was left off. He was referring to the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris climate accord. The News Review regrets the error.

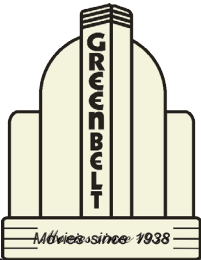
City Notes

Animal Control staff reports two cats, one dog and six puppies were adopted, two stray cats were impounded, three abandoned kittens were picked up, one cruelty case was investigated and three injured birds were taken to the wildlife sanctuary.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 28.2 tons of refuse and 11.84 tons of recyclable material.

The Youth Center, in coordination with the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, hosted Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night on June 5. Over 300 graduates celebrated with a safe and fun-filled all night event.

Community Center staff reports there are currently seven food operations who have received all permits and may rent the commercial kitchen.



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June 16th - June 22nd

MY COUSIN RACHEL
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Fri. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Sat. 3:00, 8:00 PM
Sun. 3:00 (OC), 8:00 PM
Mon., 5:15, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:15 PM

Back by popular demand:
DECONSTRUCTING
SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY
HEARTS CLUB BAND
(2017) (95 mins)
Fri. 3:00 pm

In memory of Michael
Maxwell:
THE LORAX -- FREE!
Sat. 11:00 am

School's Out Summer Series:
MONSTERS VS. ALIENS
(PG) (102 mins) -- FREE!
Thurs. 1:00 pm

Back by popular demand:
DECONSTRUCTING THE
BEATLES' WHITE ALBUM
(2016) (90 mins)
Sun. 5:15 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

The Old Curmudgeon



"I better send some dough to the kids ... next week is Father's Day!"

- News Review, June 8, 2000

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Watching James Comey On the Big Screen



PHOTO BY AMY S. HANSEN

Fifty-six guests chose the Old Greenbelt Theatre as the place to watch James Comey’s Senate testimony on June 8. With sodas and popcorn in hand, the audience was quiet except for a burst of laughter when Comey acknowledged that he was “currently between opportunities.”

Community Events

Peace Month Events

For Greenbelt Peace Month a variety of activities are coming up in mid-June.

On Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Writers Group invites the community to join its observance of the special month. Read poems and quotes about peace from favorite books and take part in writing an essay on “If you were U.S. President, what would be your plan to bring about world peace?” The meeting is held at the Community Center; for more information, contact Barbara Ford at barb.ford@comcast.net.

On Monday, June 19, Reel and Meal at the New Deal features I Learn America, a film about five immigrant teenagers. See separate article on this presentation on page 9. Discussion led by a CASA staffer will explore how to help ease the path of local immigrants. The free program starts 7 p.m. Contact Donna Hoffmeister at donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net.

Friday, June 23 features a film showing and discussion about a Medicare for All kind of health-care reform. View Fix It: Health-care at the Tipping Point to learn how a single-payer U.S. health insurance system advances social justice and economic efficiency and therefore why many consumers and businesses like this proposal. Co-sponsored by Healthcare is a Human Right-Prince George’s and the Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition, the program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

June is “bustin’ out all over” and the Golden Age Club is enjoying all the warm weather.

June 21 will be the birthday potluck lunch.

Bingo is featured at the fourth meeting of the month; this month, that’s June 28.

The club meets each Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. We always welcome visitors.

Rain Garden Workshop

On Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to noon, the city is sponsoring a rain garden workshop. Come for an introduction to design and installation, learn about the Rain Check Rebate Program and go on a walking tour of local rain gardens. Meet at Public Works, 55 Crescent Road. RSVP to Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltsmd.gov or 240-542-2150.



Meeting Annoucement
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)

Tuesday, June 20 at 7:30pm in the Clubhouse at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Report on police/community relations forums. This agenda is subject to change.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Citizen Science Project: Test Water Quality

Come learn how to test water quality and contribute to the Greenbelt citizen science project. Testing will be done multiple times over the summer at two locations. On Saturday, June 17 the testing will be at Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes and bring a reusable water bottle. High school students should bring service-learning forms.

To RSVP, contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltsmd.gov or 240-542-2150.

Recycle Old Bikes

Recycle your bicycle on Sunday, June 25 when the annual Bikes for the World collection returns to Greenbelt for June Peace Month. Accepted items include bikes of all models in repairable condition (no children’s tricycles please), bicycle parts, accessories and tools. Bikes for the World collects thousands of these bicycles, donating them to non-profit partners overseas where they are reconditioned and transform lives. Learn more at bikesfortheworld.org. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray a share of the shipping cost. Collection time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building. Questions may be directed to jamesfischer@mac.com. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Baha’i Community.

Donate Blood This Summer

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give lifesaving blood this summer for hospital patients in need. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can make an even greater impact by inviting others to join them in giving.

The Red Cross recommends before donating blood to get a good night’s sleep, eat a nutritious meal and drink extra fluids. The donation process start to finish takes about an hour. The actual donation only takes about ten minutes.

The next blood drive in Greenbelt is on Monday, June 26 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

GAC Presents Christie’s Murder on the Nile

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Nile. Performances are on June 23, 24 and 30 and July 1 at 8 p.m. and June 25 and July 2 at 2 p.m.

Take a trip across the world and back in time to Agatha Christie’s Egypt for a luxurious cruise on the exotic Nile River, featuring breathtaking scenery, romantic newlyweds, ancient monuments and murder. Throw in British high society, social climbers, an exceedingly sarcastic socialist, a slightly fanatical clergyman and layer upon layer of deception, and you’ve got Christie’s iconic mystery.

For ticket and advance ticket information call 301-441-8770 or visit <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=76050> or thunderousproductions.org. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the show.

Star Party June 17

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, June 17 at the City Observatory at Northway Fields. The plan is to observe Jupiter and Saturn first and then move on to deep sky objects such as galaxies (including the Whirlpool Galaxy and the Sombrero Galaxy), star clusters (open and globular) and nebulae (planetary and diffuse). As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. The Moon will not be up, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 9:30 p.m. and continue for at least two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

The Astronomical Society is also sponsoring a free showing of the movie Gravity at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29 in Room 114 of the Community Center. All are welcome.



More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)
2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204
www.greenbeltaccessstv.org • Studio: 301-507-6581

Free and Open to the Public
Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, June 20th, 7:30PM in the GATe Studio

For Members Only
Canon Camera Class - \$\$
Saturday, June 17th, 10AM – 4PM, GATe Studio
Reservation required

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19
To view our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccessstv.org
And click on “Channel”

Roosevelt Club Holds Annual Picnic

Mark Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m. on your calendars: Schrom Hills Park picnic grounds at 6915 Hanover Parkway is the place to be with friends, neighbors and fellow members of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club for an enjoyable summer afternoon of company and conversation.

There is a basketball court and baseball field, as well as playgrounds, a walking trail and other facilities and board games for all to enjoy. Go to rooseveltclub.com or email president@rooseveltclub.com to RSVP and sign-up to bring a dish.

GHI Notes

Thursday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, June 16, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, June 19, 7:30 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Legislative Government and Affairs Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room;

7:30 p.m., Joint meeting of Finance and Communications Committees, Board Room

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, Ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of June 19 is as follows:

Monday, June 19: Baked chicken breast with curry sauce, jasmine rice, green peas, wheat roll, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Tuesday, June 20: Potato-crust-ed fish, au gratin potatoes, ratatouille, wheat bread, tartar sauce, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, June 21: Vegetable soup with crackers, chicken salad, Kaiser roll, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit, apple juice.

Thursday, June 22: Western baked beef, whipped potatoes, broccoli, Italian bread, apple-sauce, grape juice.

Friday, June 23: Sausage with onions and peppers, wheat hot dog bun with mustard, baked beans, coleslaw, peach crisp, cranberry juice.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, June 18th, Wed., June 21st, & Fri., June 23rd
Beginning at 8 PM

“Project Happiness,” “Honey Child (2005),” and
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On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)
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June 1 - 17

A guest production from the Rude Mechanicals
June 16, 17 at 8PM
FINAL WEEKEND!

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

Murder on the Nile – Jun 23 - Jul 2 - Production of Thunderous Productions
Teresa – Jul 14 - 23 - Production from 7th Street
King Kirby – Jul 28 – Aug 12 - Production from Off the Quill
Arden Now (an As You Like It adaptation) – Aug 25 – Sept 2 - Production from the Rude Mechanicals

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Obituaries



Robert Eubanks



Robert (Bob) Eubanks

On Saturday, May 27, 2017, Robert (Bob) Samuel Eubanks, age 83, died of pneumonia. He was born November 5, 1933, to William and Fannie Eubanks in Annapolis. He and his sister, Adele Eubanks Frenor, moved with their parents to Greenbelt in 1937 and were original Greenbelters. He grew up exploring, attending Greenbelt Elementary, playing music in various bands, teaching himself photography, riding his bike and working at Schrom airport to pay for flying lessons. Mr. Eubanks was

very proud of his father William, who lost his life during World War II, and was touched by the city memorial honoring Greenbelt servicemembers killed in the war. He married Elaine Weisel of Greenbelt, daughter of Lawrence and Belva Weisel of 21 Court, and they had three children. During his time in Greenbelt the Co-op store burned down. Mr. Eubanks was able to catch some amazing photos of the fire that were published in the Washington Star.

The Eubanks enjoyed working at Camp Tuckahano in W.V., traveling, going to their condo in Ocean City and spending time with family and friends. Mr. Eubank's special interest and hobby over the last 25 years has been playing the violin he handmade. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Elaine; son Billy Eubanks (Beth), and daughters Kim and Barbara (Jesse); granddaughter Alexandra; and sister Adele. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Church. The family will greet friends in the garden after the service.

- Kim Eubanks

Frank Coorsen



Frank Coorsen

Long-time Greenbelt resident Frank Coorsen. died in Westminster, Colo., on May 16, 2017. Mr. Coorsen lived in Windsor Green from 1980 until 2015. He moved to Broomfield, Colo., after the death of his wife Eileen in 2015 to be closer to his son.

He was an active member of the Greenbelt American Legion and Meals on Wheels. He enjoyed photography and entering photos in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. He was a member of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club and supported the rescue of feral cats.

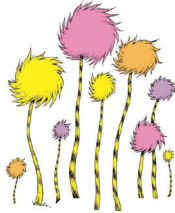
He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He came to the D.C. area in 1964 when he took a job with the federal government and retired from the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Coorsen is survived by his son Robert (Louise) and his stepson John Campbell.

He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on October 10.

Dr. Seuss's The Lorax

On Saturday, June 17 at 11 a.m. Dr. Seuss's The Lorax will be shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. This special presentation is for Team Maxwell-Heaven Can Wait, Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention. The team is asking for donations to benefit its goal for the Annapolis Out of the Darkness Walk. An upcoming walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 16. To donate online or to join the team, visit afsp.donordrive.com/team/maxwell.



Condolences to the family and friends of Bob Eubanks, who died on May 27. Bob was one of the original residents of Greenbelt, moving to the new community in 1937 with his parents and sister.

Condolences to the family and friends of long-time Greenbelt resident Frank Coorsen, who died on May 16 in Colorado.


Doug and Lannay Tull are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Jacqueline Tull Willoughby, from the University of Delaware with a Master of Fine Arts degree. Jacque was fortunate to travel to Berlin, Germany, in February to participate in an art exhibit there, as well as spend a month in Rome in a summer art program.

Congratulations to Susan Taylor, who has earned the Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S) credential conferred by the Association for Play Therapy. Taylor is a licensed certified social worker-clinical.

At this time of year, we know many awards and accolades are presented. Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

GTA Summer Singles Tourney

On Saturday, June 24, starting at 8 a.m. and continuing on Sunday, June 25 the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will conduct its first singles tournament of the new season. All matches will be played at Braden Field. Advance registration is required by Wednesday, June 21 to be included in the draw. Register at greenbelt.com/tennis or call 301-595-5744. There is a fee for entry, with GTA members receiving a discounted rate.



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June 18 10 a.m.
"R.E. Sunday - The Magic of Religious Exploration"
Carla Miller, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; with Beth Charbonneau, Worship Associate; and the Children's Choir
Our Harry Potter-themed Junior Youth class, Harry & U.U. will help us to conjure up a magical worship experience as we bring our RE year to a close. This worship service will be led by our Children's Religious Exploration community. We will honor our Teachers for their service; and celebrate with a gathering in the glen following service.
This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building, JUNE 19, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
- Presentations
-Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports
 -Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2017-1 (Size of Committee)

LEGISLATION
- End of the Year Budget Adjustments
 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS
- Letter of Support for Paris Climate Accords/US Climate Mayors
- City Electric Supply Procurement
- Cooperation Agreement with Prince George’s County for CDBG Programs
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
*- Appointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A CHARITABLE DONATION TO THE CITY OF GREENBELT’S EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

The Emergency Relief Fund was created to help our neighbors with temporary housing challenges (e.g., the inability to pay one month’s rent). Requests for funds come from individuals, referrals from churches or from civic organizations. All requests for assistance are reviewed by the Volunteer Emergency Relief Coordinator and then referred to the Director of Greenbelt CARES who takes additional measures to verify the request. and then authorizes the release of City funds.

The Emergency Relief Fund’s purpose is to specifically assist our neighbors who are faced with homelessness – and for no other purposes. The funds are granted on a emergency, one-time only basis.

Funding of this charitable fund is made possible by contributions made by individuals and organizations. No City funds are used for this purpose. It is administered by the Director of Greenbelt CARES and the City Treasurer, who account for all receipts and disbursements.

Due to a large number of requests, the Emergency Relief Fund is now, unfortunately, near depletion.

The City recognizes that there are many ways for you to serve our community, both financially and through service – and your support of the Greenbelt community is very appreciated. If your organization or congregation is able to contribute to this worthy cause, it will allow the City to continue to assist Greenbelters that are facing a housing crisis.

Contributions can be made to: City of Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. You can be assured that care will be taken to distribute these funds as fairly as possible.

For more information about the Emergency Relief Fund please contact Ms. Liz Park, Director of Cares, at 301-345-6600.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education (effective July 1st), Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 19-23

Monday, June 19 at 8pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, June 20 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** at Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Continued discussion of Greenbelt Tree Master Plan issues*

Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane *On the Agenda: Community Meeting with GreenPlay, Inc.*

Friday, June 23 at 7:30pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at Municipal Building (library), 25 Crescent Road *re: Consult with Legal Counsel. See notice in the ad to the right.*

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

Invitation to Bid #2017-1

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnishing of material and labor for the repair and re-plastering (white coat) at the main indoor pool of the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

The Bid Information Packet is available online by visiting the City of Greenbelt website at www.greenbeltmd.gov. **Bid #2017-1**

PLEASE NOTE, THIS BID PACKET WAS REVISED ON JUNE 13 AND THE REVISION IS POSTED ON THE CITY WEBSITE.

Recreation and Park Master Plan Community Meetings

The City of Greenbelt has begun work to develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan to guide the City through the next 10 years and beyond. Along with our consultant, we will be conducting 3 Community Meetings in different areas of Greenbelt to ask Citizens their thoughts on experiences, desires and expectations related to Recreation and Park facilities and services. All meetings are open to the public and all residents are invited to attend. For information call our business office at 301-397-2200.

**June 19th @ 7:30 p.m. at Greenbriar Terrace Room
7600 Hanover Parkway**

**June 20th @ 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road**

**June 21th @ 7:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane**

JUNE IS PEACE MONTH IN GREENBELT
Open Readings and an Essay on Peace
Friday, June 16 at 7:30 pm, Greenbelt Community Center
Read poems and quotes about peace from favorite books. Participate in an essay on “If you were U. S. President, what would your plan be to bring about world peace.” Greenbelt Writers Group- contact Barbara Ford, barb.ford@comcast.net.

“Reel & Meal at the New Deal”
Monday, June 19 at 7pm, New Deal Café, 113 Centerway
View I Learn America, a film that follows five immigrant teenagers at an international school in Brooklyn as they strive to master English and learn about America. Discussion will explore ways we can welcome immigrants in our local communities.
Co-sponsor Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition- contact Donna Hoffmeister, 301-441-9377, donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net.

Film and Discussion on a “Medicare for All” Healthcare System, Friday, June 23 at 7:30 pm, Greenbelt Community Center room 114
View Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point to learn how a single-payer U.S. public health insurance system would advance social justice and economic efficiency and why many consumers and businesses like this proposed reform. Discussion will cover ways we can engage now in making this vision a reality. Co-sponsored by Healthcare is a Human Right-Prince George’s and Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition- contact justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

Weed Warriors Volunteer Event
June 19, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Buddy Attick Lake Park, 555 Crescent Road
Weed Warrior Volunteers are needed to protect our forests by removing invasive species. Training and gloves will be provided. Meet at Buddy Attick Park from 10 am - 12 pm on June 19. REMINDERS: -Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes. -Bring a reusable water bottle. -High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!
INFO: Erin Josephitis, ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on **Friday, June 23, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.**

The purpose of this meeting will be to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice on: 1) concerning a landlord/tenant matter; and 2) concerning a personnel matter with respect to whether the City can respond to the Greenbelt letter in light of the restrictions contained in the City’s personnel laws.

** It is anticipated Council will schedule this Executive Session at its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 19th, 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The Regular Meeting is open to the public. Additionally, the public may attend and observe the vote of Council to move into closed/ executive session on Friday, June 23, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.*

Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Greenbelt Recreation Department
www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation 301-397-2200

Looking for programs to keep your children active and engaged this summer? Check out our Summer Camp Program Guide for a full day of activity!

Explore our Summer Activity Guide for lots of options from theater, dance, ceramics, roller skating, eagle v.i.s.i.o.n, soccer, basketball, swim lessons, tennis to dessert preparation to fill part of the day with learning something new, socializing and staying active!

Please visit our website, stop by a recreation center, or give us a call for more information.

JULY FOURTH FANFARE
Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- FIREWORKS approximately 9:00pm

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline, 301-474-0646, for updated event status.

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Weed Warriors Find, Identify, Remove Invasive Species

by Connor Roessler

This will be the third summer in a row for the Weed Warrior program at Buddy Attick Park. This program is an ongoing service-learning project to protect Greenbelt forests from invasive plant species.

The summer Weed Warrior events are on Mondays June 19 and 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31; and August 7 in Buddy Attick Park.

Weed Warrior volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and appropriate clothing, and bring water in a reusable bottle. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to learn to identify invasive plant species and use hand shears to remove them from the forest. The dedicated time and energy of the Weed Warrior volunteers is an invaluable service to help remove harmful invasive species from Greenbelt's green spaces without the use of herbicides.

Invasive species are varieties of plants that, when introduced to an area, affect native species due to unrestricted growth. The persistent growth of these non-native and invasive species adversely affects Maryland's native biodiversity and can cause environmental and economic harm.

Maryland has a number of invasive plant species that have affected the landscape. Some of the common invasive species in Greenbelt include garlic mustard, multiflora rose, Japanese honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, porcelainberry and English ivy, most of which were introduced to the region as ornamentals. Since then, these species have taken over landscapes and can threaten the health of trees in Greenbelt parks and preserves.

Fortunately, there are ways that action can be taken against invasive species. Become familiar with invasive species in one's yard, and remove and replace them with native species. Never introduce ornamental invasive species into landscaping projects. Instead, consider native pollinator plants to add ornamental and wildlife values to a yard or garden.

Additionally, become involved in efforts to manage invasive



PHOTO BY CONNOR ROESSLER

Left: Invasive English ivy in Buddy Attick Park



PHOTO BY THERESE ROBBINS

Right: Invasive Japanese honeysuckle in Buddy Attick Park

species. All training and supplies will be provided by the Department of Public Works. Questions? Contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltnmd.gov or

240-542-2150. Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.

Events at the Library

Build a Better World is the 2017 Summer @ Your Library theme for all ages from baby through adult. Sign up to participate through August 19 by going to pgcmls.beanstack.org. Play online or on paper. Starting June 12, participants may come into the library to get a registration prize and complete reading and library activities to earn cool badges throughout the summer. Each person will be automatically entered into the grand prize raffle for electronics, event tickets, gift cards and more.

Storytimes

Monday, June 19: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Tuesday, June 20: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, June 21: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday,

June 22: newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Books at Bedtime, Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m., newborn to 3, limit 20 people.

Reader's Theater

Wednesday, June 21, 4 p.m., ages 7 to 10. Children participate in fun reading activities including performing skits, monologues, tongue twisters and poetry.

Read to Rover

Saturday, June 17, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children age 6 to 11 to help them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially-trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

Fire Pots in Wood-fueled Kiln In Pottery Course, Workshop

by Amanda Larsen



PHOTO BY KAREN ARRINGTON

Woodfire workshop participant Jonathan Gordy helps with the wood firing process at Monocacy River Pottery.

This summer, Greenbelt pottery enthusiasts have the opportunity to join Karen Arrington in experiencing the ancient roots and the scientific heights of pottery by firing a wood-fueled kiln. This is an intense, hands-on process requiring physical labor and cooperation among participants. The end results are lively, fully functional pots.

Participants first take the course Making Pots for a Wood Kiln, run by the Recreation Department at the Community Center from June 29 to August 24, where they will prepare pieces for firing. Then pieces will be glazed, loaded, fired and unloaded over four meetings in August and October at the Community Center and at Monocacy River Pottery in Thurmont, Md. Participants must register for both the summer course and the workshop, unless

there is special permission from the instructor.

Go to greenbeltnmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1868 to read about the workshop in the Summer Activity Guide or contact Amanda Larsen for more information at alarsen@greenbeltnmd.gov.

This event is intended for intermediate and advanced potters. There is a fee.



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City News in Photos



On June 5, Mayor Emmett Jordan swears in Officer Yomayra Rodriguez, the newest member of Greenbelt Police Department.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU



Julie McHale, left, director of Recreation poses with Community Center Coordinator Rebekah Sutfin, who took home a bronze award from Maryland's Workplace Health and Wellness Symposium on June 2 in Baltimore.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

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motion to accept the division of duties as spelled out in the MOU.

Parking Lot Design

Also on the agenda was the final design concept for the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park. In 2015, the city received a grant of \$187,700 through the Chesapeake Bay Trust to incorporate Low Impact Development practices within a redesign of the Buddy Attick Park parking lot off Crescent Road. Bradley Site Design, working with Greening Urban, Inc., was awarded the contract.

At a worksession a year ago, council gave direction on which of several concept designs it would like to see developed. Unfortunately, by the time plans were updated and reviewed by all the relevant staff and advisory groups, it was realized that there were not adequate funds to implement the project, and Bradley Site Design was asked to scale the project back.

The new plan preserved the overall site design and stormwater management strategy while reducing the size of the bioretention area. A contentious aspect of the original plan had been the removal of at least one row of existing white pine trees.

The contention continued since the new plan also calls for the removal of one row of white pines. A new issue arose this year as to whether removing that row would damage the second row of pines. Bellah presented the new plan to council, which would increase parking spots by seven spaces to 99. She described the proposed plans for the planting of new trees of varying sizes that have proved to support bioretention areas.

Roberts spoke at length about his objections to removing the existing pines, which he said would eliminate much of the winter greenery at the entrance to the park and impact habitat for birds. In his view, the addition of the ornamental trees would not compensate. He said that but for the trees he would have loved to support this plan but instead would vote against it. Commenting that Roberts was making some good points, Councilmember Silke Pope asked Bellah to provide more information about the age and health of the pines.

A motion passed 4 to 1 (with

Roberts dissenting and Edward Putens and Emmett Jordan not in attendance) to approve the plan and direct staff to send it out for bid.

Gateway Welcome Signs

The good news is that the city received a Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Community Legacy grant for \$50,000 for its Gateway Welcome Sign Program. The not-so-good news is that the level of cost-sharing required by the grant is high and the amount awarded is far less than was requested, with the result that the project will have to be implemented in multiple construction phases over a period of time. Four signs are to be constructed in the first phase with the reduced funding.

Hruby gave an overview of the types of signs that had informally been agreed to at two earlier worksessions on gateway signage. She said staff's preliminary estimates indicate that the available FY18 funding should be enough to cover the construction of the Southway entrance gateway sign as well as the three pole-mounted signs that were proposed to be placed at the entrance from BARC on Research Road and on Kenilworth Avenue at the I-495 southbound ramp and between Westchester Park Drive and Greenbelt Road.

Staff recommended completing the Southway sign because of the condition of the existing sign and suggested the three pole signs previously discussed at worksessions because they would work well with the available funding for Phase 1. After some discussion, Councilmember Leta Mach moved the staff recommendation, which all councilmembers present voted to support.

Bikeways Grant Applications

The city's FY18 plan for use of Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan funds includes the development and implementation of minor bicycle improvements on Hanover Parkway north of Greenbelt Road. Toward this end, staff recommended submission of an application for a Bikeways grant through the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to support a feasibility study and design plan.

The goal is to develop a continuous, safe, cost-effective bicycle route on Hanover Parkway from Good Luck Road to Mandan Road. This work should be especially competitive because Hanover Parkway from the Spellman overpass south to Greenbrook Drive has been identified by MDOT as a "missing trail link" and is eligible for priority funding under several State Highway Administration grant programs.

Councilmembers unanimously approved the submission of this grant application. They also approved a second application to Bikeways to work with Zagster on bike share stations through an existing University of Maryland contract. Council also approved pursuing Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas (BPPA) Designation for the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway as a way to improve function and access at that location.

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especially for experienced officers. (These were reported in more detail in the February 23 issue of this paper.)

Apgar said that he has seen some improvements since the vote and subsequent conversations with Kemp. Many of the younger officers enjoy working bike patrols, as it gets them out of their cars and provides them some opportunity for exercise. Kemp recently reinstated bike patrols with overtime. Despite this restart, Pracht said that "many safety issues must be overcome to reinstate the program." When the department can assign officers to the unit full time, the patrols will pick up, he said.

As to why the no confidence vote was held without advance announcement, blame Robert's Rules of Order. Apgar noted that (like many organizations) the FOP runs its meetings using these standard rules. Once a member makes a motion and it is seconded, there must be a vote on the motion, barring a successful motion to table it. Since then, however, the FOP has been working directly with Kemp and the city manager to address its concerns.

The FOP's other main issue is the need for a permanent chief to provide leadership to the force. This is in Ard's bailiwick. Because she has not yet talked to council or city staff, she was unable to provide specifics about when the position would be filled

or details of the hiring process. However, she noted that the budget passed on June 5 set aside \$30,000 for a nationwide search. Her desire, she said, is to include staff, the FOP and members of the community in the search process, using much the same approach as in the search for a new city manager.

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June 24th and 25th

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police

Robbery
June 7, 11:55 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man approached a woman walking on Cherrywood Lane near Cherrywood Court and implied he had a gun. He demanded her purse, obtained it and fled on foot.

DWI/DUI
June 3, 4:26 a.m., Cherrywood Court near Cherrywood Lane. A 41-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and other traffic-related violations during investigation of a vehicle stopped in the roadway. He was released on citations pending trial.

Suspicious Person
June 4, 8:36 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached a woman who was sitting in her vehicle, propositioned her, kissed her hand and then fled.

Theft
June 4, 10 p.m., 100 block Westway. A woman who was moving to Washington, D.C. arranged for a man to pack up and move her belongings. He did so, but when he arrived at the new address he never took her belongings off the moving van because he said he first had to get one of his tires repaired. He left and never returned.

June 6, 7:23 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended vehicle key and cell phone were taken from a parking lot.

June 6, 10:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

June 7, 5:22 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Trespassing
June 1, 4:55 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 30-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass, resisting arrest and failure to obey

a lawful order by officers who responded to a report of an unwanted guest. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crime
A 1998 Honda Civic was recovered on June 2 in 28 Court Crescent prior to it having been reported stolen from the 6900 block Greenbelt Road. An attempt was made to steal a car on June 5 when the driver's door of a vehicle in the 6000 block Springhill Drive was forced open and the ignition tampered with.

Six thefts from vehicles were reported. Windows were broken in three vehicles prior to items being removed. Purses were taken from the 100 block Westway and 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. Luggage containing a wedding dress and jewelry were taken from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

A front grille assembly was taken in the 6900 block Greenbelt Road and rear tag Md. 4BW8704 was taken in the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive.

A woman in the 6700 block Springshire Way saw young men inside her vehicle who then fled. It was later discovered they had removed change from it. Both were riding bicycles and are described as black, 5'8" tall, one in his early twenties with a medium build and medium complexion, wearing a white shirt and blue shorts, and the other in his late teens with a slim build, wearing all black clothing.

Three vehicles were vandalized. In the 7500 block Mandan Road a motorcycle was dented and scratched. Paint on an auto was scratched in the 5900 block Springhill Drive. Nails were placed behind the tires of a vehicle in 73 Court Ridge Road but the tires were not damaged.

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oil, pet waste and plastic materials. The runoff flows into storm drains that discharge polluted water into local streams that eventually drain into the Anacostia River and the Chesapeake Bay.

This runoff is a major contributor to the well-documented problems of pollution, unsafe water quality and diminished habitat for marine life in the Anacostia and Chesapeake. Runoff also diminishes the quality of three Greenbelt streams – Beaverdam Creek, Indian Creek and Still Creek. Improper runoff can be a factor in water collecting in crawl spaces and basements of homes as well, an issue that has affected some GHI homes.

Homeowners, businesses and nonprofit organizations can implement several practices to mitigate runoff issues through the Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program. The program provides applicants the opportunity to receive a reimbursement for installing approved stormwater management practices. Eligible practices include rain barrels, rain gardens, tree planting, pavement removal, permeable pavement installation and green roofs. These practices are designed to reduce the amount of runoff flowing into storm drains and allow for greater absorption of rain water into the soil to naturally filter out polluting substances and keep the water table replenished.

Residential property owners can receive a rebate of up to \$4,000 for installation of one of the practices. Up to \$20,000 can be received for institutional properties, commercial properties, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit organizations, homeowner associations, condominium associations and civic associations. Individual members of GHI may apply for rebates under the residential category.

Information on the program as well as one of the eligible practices – rain gardens – will be the topic of a workshop sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Public Works on Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to noon, at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. Co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DOE), the workshop will include an introduction to rain garden design and installation, information about the Rain Check Rebate Program and a walking tour of local rain gardens.

For questions or to RSVP for the event, contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltnmd.gov or 240-542-2150.

Further information on the rebate program, eligibility requirements and application process also is available on the website of the Chesapeake Bay Trust (cbtrust.org/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate).

The GHI Storm Water Task Force was formed by the GHI Board of Directors to recommend improvements and foster best practices within GHI for ground water retention and reduction of runoff and soil erosion. As part of this work, the task force undertakes community education efforts to increase the level of citizen awareness and knowledge about stormwater runoff issues and appropriate actions that community members can take to reduce the negative impacts of stormwater runoff.

The task force aims to increase awareness about water pollution, flooding and actions needed to restore our watersheds. The goal of such actions is to improve water quality, and therefore also the environmental and human health of the Greenbelt community. The table at the Farmers Market was part of this education effort.

GHI has received a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to implement a pilot demonstration stormwater project at 20 Court Ridge Road. Preliminary plans for the project were explained at the Farmers Market table. A design meeting with 20 Court residents to discuss the project plan will be held this month. Installation is scheduled to begin in the fall and to be completed by November 30.

Reel and Meal Focuses On Teenage Immigrants

On Monday, June 19, the Reel and Meal at the New Deal film series is showing I Learn America about recently-arrived immigrant teenagers as they attempt to create a future for themselves in a new country. Special caterers, Michael and Leah of DC Vegan, will offer an optional vegan meal at 6:30 p.m. for a fee, followed by the free screening beginning at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café.

Directors Jean-Michel Dissard and Gitte Peng follow recently arrived young immigrants during a year at their American high school. These young people struggle not only with the challenges of being teenagers but also with the fear of deportation, learning English and homesickness. Three of them are undocumented, one is a refugee and one is a devout Muslim.

Julio Murillo, policy analyst at CASA de Maryland's SOMOS Langley Park Initiative, will lead the discussion following the film. Almost 70 percent of Langley Park residents are foreign-born, principally from Central America. CASA strives to improve the quality of life for Langley Park families and children by focusing on schools, affordable housing, a living wage and affordable healthcare. The discussion will focus on how insights from CASA in Langley Park could help ease the path of local immigrants.

The Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition has planned this program; for more information contact Donna Hoffmeister at 301-441-9377 or justpeacepg@earthlink.net or visit the New Deal Café website at newdealcafe.com. Other local grassroots sponsors of the series are Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Green Vegan Networking.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.
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Events at Greenbelt Park

Friday, June 16, Campfire Talk: The Baltimore-Washington Parkway, A Scenic Approach to the Nation's Capital. Opened in 1954, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was originally conceived as an aesthetically scenic approach to the District of Columbia from the north, was designed to serve as an evacuation and dispersal route during the nuclear threat of Cold War and to link federal agencies along its course, and is now a primary commuter road often overwhelmed by congestion and runaway growth. Meet at Campfire Circle at 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 24, War Passed by Here. Greenbelt's annual depiction of Confederate and Union troops commemorates the skirmish along the Baltimore to Washington Turnpike from Beltsville to College Park nearby in 1864. See a bivouac of soldiers displaying their equipment and arms. Musketry firings will take

place at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Meet at Sweetgum Picnic Area, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 24, Nature Discovery Walk. Come to the park and enjoy a summer walk on the Blueberry Trail. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 25, Greenbelt Park Walking Club. Join up for a 1.4-mile group walk around the park road loop. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 25, Campfire Program: Mission 66: The birth of the Greenbelt campground. Go back in time to 1966 and celebrate the 50th birthday of the National Park Service and the first year of the Greenbelt Park campground. Campground guests and the public are welcome at the Campfire Circle for a traditional NPS campfire program at 8:30 p.m.

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U18 boys in action

- Photos by David Whiteman



Greenbelt Soccer Association U10 Girls



Greenbelt Soccer Association U16 girls serving as volunteers at the tournament

Several members of the Greenbelt Lightning NCSL U16 Girls Team participated as volunteers to help the tournament run smoothly. A professional trainer was onsite in the event of injuries, with no major mishaps occurring. The alliance looks forward to hosting the tournament in the future and encourages more local teams to participate. Visit greenbeltsoccer.org/greenbelt-4v4-classic.html.

Pet Expo Combines Vendors Education, Freebies and Fun

by Layne Litsinger

The fourth annual Pet Expo was held at the Greenbelt Dog Park on Saturday June 3. The purpose of the event was to promote responsible pet care and educate the community about animal- and pet-related resources nearby.

The event featured over 20 booths that offered such items as toys, food, grooming, hospital information, dog training, a lure station and even a clinic for rabies shots and microchips. There were also kid-friendly options such as a moon bounce, and the opportunity to use the Dog Park.

As Danielle Ross, a supervisor and vet tech at Riverdale Park Animal Hospital, handed out free gift bags and dog treats to residents at her booth, she wanted to make sure she educated each person who stopped by.

Riverdale Park Animal Hospital is a full-service hospital located 10 minutes from Greenbelt. The workers gear toward educating the community about how to care for their pets.

“One thing about our hospital is that we’re all about education; even just without paying for it we love to educate people, we love to let them know what’s going on in the community and what’s going on with your pet,” said Ross.

Howard Stanback, who worked at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter booth, described the different booths and how they tailor to animal needs. His booth specifically worked with animal shelter adoption and registration of dog tags for the Dog Park.

“We invite over two dozen



PHOTO BY LAYNE LITSINGER

Members of Banfield Pet Hospital and their pet pose for a picture next to their booth.

vendors from all over Prince George’s County to come out and . . . tell us about their business, give away free things and other things, and then we have some attractions that we do, too,” said Stanback.

“It’s probably one of the best things in the area. It’s just a time

where we all come together as animal lovers and get to interact and get to put a statement in the community that we are here,” said Ross.

Layne Litsinger is a University of Maryland journalism student working as an intern for the News Review.

NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form by July 31, 2017 to: Bob Zugby, Chair
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Upcoming Events At the New Deal Café

Sunday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jazz Piano by Peter Repert. 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. Newcomers welcome.

6 to 8 p.m., Fez Tones Hafla. Middle Eastern music and dance.

Monday, June 19, 7 to 9 p.m., Reel and Meal at the New Deal. I Learn America follows five immigrant teenagers over a year as they strive to master English, deal with the trials of adolescence and struggle to learn about their new home.

Tuesday, June 20, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke.

Wednesday, June 21, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Jeffrey Greenberg plays piano jazz. 7 to 9 p.m., Pub Quiz.

Thursday, June 22, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7:30 to 10 p.m., Songwriters’ Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic.

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